

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Figs. 4 and 5 and replaces the original sheet with Figs. 4 and 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification, the abstract, claims 1 and 5, and Figs. 4 and 5 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5 continue to read on the elected Group. Claims 2-4 and 6-14 are currently withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action objects to Figs. 4 and 5. Figs 4 and 5 are amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The abstract and the specification are amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is amended to obviate the rejection by reciting positive steps. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP-A-07-160183 to Miyaji. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 each recite, *inter alia*, that a laser output power of the laser beam is increased in accordance with a decrease in recording sensitivity of the holographic recording medium.

The Office Action asserts that Miyaji discloses this feature at paragraphs [0042] and [0049], for example. However, in these paragraphs, Miyaji merely discloses that the relationship between the exposure power, exposure time and the refraction efficiency. See also, Miyaji's paragraphs [0043] and [0050]. In Miyaji, the respective exposing sensitivities of the respective colors of a photopolymerizable film is not increased or variable. Miyaji therefore does not disclose the decrease in recording sensitivity. Accordingly, Miyaji does not teach or suggest that a laser power of the laser beam is increased in accordance with said

decreasing recording sensitivity in the holographic recording medium, as recited in claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, claims 1 and 5 are patentable over Miyaji. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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